phers on the pattern of a similar scale introduced by the Govt. for Assistants and Sr. Stenographers in the Central Secretariat; and

(ii) Cadre review for the administrative staff (Ministerial employees) working in the ICMR.

(b) to (d) While requesting the Association of the employees of ICMR (Headquarters) to call off the strike, the factual position about the consideration of their demands at the appropriate forum were also brought to the notice of the Association by the Indian Council of Medical Research.

The demands can be fulfilled only after these are approved by the appropriate authorities/forum.

Manufacture of Medicines by Weleda

1798. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 205 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th March, 1992 and state:

(a) the names and potency of the Medicines in injectible from manufactured by WELEDA which are recommended by the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy for research for treatment of cancer; and

(b) whether these medicines are Homoeopathic Medicines or Anthroposophical Medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) It is presumed that the Honourable Member is referring to Unstarred Question No. 2056 answered on 11th March, 1992 instead of 205 as printed in the admitted version.

The Scientific Advisory Committee of Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) in its meeting held on 26.3.79 recommended the assignment of research programmes on malignancy with special reference to ISCADOR. The Committee further recommended rationalised study covering immunilogical aspects of ISCADOR in malignant disease and recommended that these tests may frequently undertaken for assessment of results. However, since there was some doubt, the matter was discussed in the meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee of CCRH held on 9th August 1984 and thereafter research programme on this subject was undertaken.

The ISCADOR preparations are manufactured by Weleda Company. The Scientific Advisory Committee has not specified the name and potency of the injectibles manufactured by Weleda Company. Most of the preparations of Weleda are said to be Anthroposophical Medicines but some preparations carry the names of most commonly used Homoeopathic medicines. The process of preparation is not known.

Advertisement for the post of Assistant Professors

1799. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in November, 1990 the PGIMER, Chandigarh had advertised twelve posts of Assistant Professors reserved for SCs and STs under the Government's Special Recruitment Drive but on a writ petition by the Institute's Faculty Association the Punjab and Haryana High Court stayed the operation of the advertisement and permitted the PGI authorities to make appointments without treating the posts as reserved;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this matter was brought to the notice of his Minisry for advice regarding the advertisement of the remaining forty-six faculty posts declared as reserved vacancies for SCs and STs as per their office letter dated 4th December, 1990; and

(c) if so, the particulars of the advice given to the Institute and the action taken to get the stay order vacated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Institute has been advised to defend the case vigorously so as to get the stay order vacated. The matter is still sub-judice.

Dereservation of Posts by AIIMS

1800. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in August, 1989 the AIIMS, New Delhi advertised 23 posts of Assistant Professors, out of which 14 posts were reserved for SCs/STs and the actual interview of candidates were arranged about a year later in November, 1990;

(b) whether it is also a fact that although there were about 155 qualified and eligible candidates from the SCs/STs, only 5 of them were selected against 14 reserved vacancies, and 13 posts were filled up by General Candidates for whom only 9 posts were advertised;

(c) whether the excess recruitment of General candidates was done aganist the Government orders banning de-reservation issued as early as on 25th April, 1989;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Selection Committee was not constituted as per the norms of Government order requiring inclusion of a SC/ST representative in such a Committee; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not quashing the appointments so made against standing Government orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir, 74 SC and 12 ST candidates applied against these posts. 46 SC and 7 ST candidates were called for interview but only 35 SC and 5 ST candidates appeared for interview and 5 of them were selected. 9 reserved vacancies were filled from amongst the general candidates and the vacancies were carried forward to next year/advertisement. AIIMS is following the reservation policy as decided by its Institute/Governing Body.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Neem Oil

1801. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Neem Oil has been identified as useful in the preparation of anti-AIDS and anti-fertility medicines; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) According to information received from Indian Council of Medical Research, no evidence is available regarding the usefulness of Neem Oil as anti-AIDS medicine. As regards the anti-fertility effects of Neem Oil, it has only been demonstrated in animal studies and human studies on this aspect are yet to be initiated.